are specified by the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) which also monitors and regulates its implementation. The radiation and environmental monitoring programmes reviewed by AERB and its safety committees has clearly shown that the safety of workers, the public and the environment is adequately ensured at the uranium mine and mills from the point of view of radiation and environment factors. In view of this, any incidence of eye diseases, handicap to children and cancer in the area cannot be attributed to mining activities of Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL).

(d) The standards of permissible radioactive releases prescribed by AERB are complied with by UCIL which operates the mines and mills.

(e) Does not arise.

[English]

Titanium Industry

3384. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal has been received by the Government for permitting foreign companies to enter into the Titanium Industry and also in the field of ilmenite mining in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b) There is no specific proposal with the Government for permitting foreign companies to enter into the titanium industry and in the field of ilmenite mining in Kerala.

Renovation of Offices/Residences of Ministers

3385. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any ceiling on expenditure for renovation, additon and alteration of Government bungalows;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expenditure incurred on renovation, addition and alteration of office and residence of each Minister during the last five year, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) Annual monetary ceiling type-wise of the quarters/flats is given below :-

Type of Qtr./flats	Monetary ceiling (Rs.)
C-I, C-II	21000
VII, VIII	31500

(ii) Monetary ceiling in Government residences during the tenure of Ministers/MPs/Judges is as under :-

Category	Monetary ceiling (Rs.)
Ministers	100000
Judges	50000
M.Ps	30000

(c) The information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Tea Workers

3386. SHRI DWARKA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of pathetic conditions of labourers of sick and abandoned tea gardens in Assam; and

(b) if so, the specific measures being taken to rehabilitate such labourers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Arms Supply

3387. DR. M. JAGANNATH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Russia has assured India that it will not sell arms to Pakistan;

(b) whether this guarantee is based on the fact that India is a major customer of Russian arms;

(c) whether Russia is unhappy for the delay on part of India in taking a decision on Russian offer of modern tanks;

(d) whether the absence of Indian orders may compel Russia to supply vital components to Ukraine which may supply the same to Islamabad in a tank deal; and

(e) the Government's reaction to the Russian offer of tanks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.